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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,

on the ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE DIOXIN FROM SEVESO

PE 84.300
Or. I.

The European Parliament,

- A. Aware of the danger constituted by the dioxin discharged by the 'Icmesa' factory in Seveso, the owners of which are the Swiss multinational Hoffmann-Laroche,
 - B. Astonished that the 41 barrels containing wastes contaminated by dioxin did not encounter any obstacle to their progress across Community frontiers,
 - C. Unaware whether the movement of dioxin took place subject to the necessary public health and environmental safeguards of the countries concerned,
 - D. Concerned at the mystery surrounding the ultimate destination of the dioxin (burial or incineration?),
1. Calls on the Commission
- (a) to ascertain what Community provisions have been infringed hitherto by the Italian authorities and by those of the other states whose territory was crossed,
 - (b) to make urgent proposals for Community rules and regulations on industrial and commercial secrecy in matters having a bearing on public health and safety, and on the activities of firms engaged in the transportation and disposal of toxic and dangerous wastes,
 - (c) to inform the European public of the ultimate destination of the Seveso dioxin;
2. Instructs its President to forward this destination to the Commission, the Council, the Italian government and the governments of the countries through which the dioxin is presumed to have been transported.